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Agenda item 9
Adoption of the report of the Midterm Review

Draft report of the Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

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I. Resolutions adopted by the Midterm Review

Political declaration

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Expression of thanks to the people and Government of Turkey

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II. Organization of work and other organizational matters

A. Date and place of the Midterm Review

1. The Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 was held in Antalya, Turkey, from 27 to 29 May 2016, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 69/231, 70/216 and 70/261. Pursuant to resolution 69/231, the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, as well as the supplementary arrangements established for the Commission on Sustainable Development by the Council in its decisions 1993/215 and 1995/201, applied. The Midterm Review held six plenary and four round-table meetings.

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B. Attendance

2. The list of participants will be issued as document A/CONF.228/__.

C. Opening of the Midterm Review

3. The Midterm Review was opened on 27 May 2016 by the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as Secretary-General of the Midterm Review.

4. At the formal opening, during the 1st plenary meeting, on 27 May, statements were made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey and President of the Conference, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu; the President of the General Assembly, Mogens Lykketoft; the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (representing the Secretary-General of the United Nations), Helen Clark; the Senior Minister for Planning and Development and Special Envoy of the President of Benin and former Chair of the Group of Least Developed Countries, Abdoulaye Bio Tchané; the Minister of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives of Bangladesh and current Chair of the Group of Least Developed Countries, Khandker Mosharraf Hossain; the Minister for Foreign Affairs and African Integration of Chad and Chair of the Executive Council of the African Union, Moussa Faki Mahamat; the European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development (representing the President of the European Commission), Neven Mimica; the Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer of the World Bank (representing the President of the World Bank Group), Sri Mulyani Indrawati; the International Coordinator of LDC Watch (representing civil society), Gauri Pradhan; and the President of the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (representing the private sector), Ömer Cihad Vardan.

D. Election of the President and other officers

5. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 27 May, the Midterm Review elected its officers.

President of the Conference

6. The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Turkey, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, was elected as President of the Midterm Review by acclamation.

Ex officio Vice-President

7. Turkey was elected as ex-officio Vice-President.

Vice-Presidents

8. Argentina, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Georgia, Hungary, Malawi, Nepal and Yemen were elected as Vice-Presidents.

Rapporteur

9. Durga Prasad Bhattarai (Nepal) was elected as Rapporteur.

E. Adoption of the agenda

10. Also at its 1st plenary meeting, the Midterm Review adopted its agenda (A/CONF.228/1):

1. Opening of the Midterm Review.
2. Election of the President.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. Election of other officers.
6. Review of the implementation: general exchange of views.
7. Thematic round-table meetings.
8. Adoption of the political declaration.
9. Adoption of the report of the Midterm Review.
10. Closure of the Midterm Review.

F. Documentation

11. The list of documents before the Midterm Review is contained in the annex to the present report.

III. Review of the implementation: general exchange of views

12. In the course of its consideration of agenda item 6, "Review of the implementation: general exchange of views", the Midterm Review heard statements by _____.

13. [*To be completed*]

IV. Thematic round-table meetings

14. [*To be completed*]

V. Adoption of the political declaration

15. [*To be completed*]

VI. Adoption of the report of the Midterm Review

16. [*To be completed*]

VII. Closure of the Midterm Review

17. [*To be completed*]